

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Norman et al.	)	Examiner: Baskar, Padmavathi V.
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For:	ASSAY AND COMPOSITIONS	)	Docket No.: GP141-03.UT
	FOR DETECTION OF BACILLUS	)	
	ANTHRACIS NUCLEIC ACIDS	)	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed on December 27, 2006, Applicants amend the application as shown herein and request reconsideration of the application. This amendment is timely filed.